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Let me stay in a room with open window & the W rather oppressive in a room with closed ones, I will spare you further election my wish for my beloved all manner of success & a very good night. Love from Mother & you & all - Let's you want Sarah - If you from Mrs Dr. Mrs. Letelle who called yesterday both breakfast a pleasant one. Henry & more - Mended my books & machine of Mrs Potter who was the night with in work & the house. generally in side & out. Mr. Horn does not give his estimate in a day or two, I will call upon Mr. Hodgdon. Truly Yrs Sarah

express order by buying another vol.
of A. M. poems - Two reasons tempted me
1st I learned last Spring that Mary had
gone & I wished to give it her & I judge
Mr Williams in 100 Washington St had had
the grace to advertise it on a large
card at his window. ^{& I wished to pay of being} I have found
no advertisement of it in the Tribune,
Journal or Advertiser, & at Dickhow
they told me on Mon. that it was
not out, & they did not have it to
day - I bought for Mr Pore copy at
Brookly & Nichols & left it at his door
with one of the bouquets into which poor
Mary put her soul for yr benefit
before I c'd inform her of Mother's
change of purpose. I think we never
so disappointed her but once, but
I hope I was the only one who had
a hearty cry over it. She w'd have
sent the flowers by express but for
Mother's urgent entreaty over wh I
was more sorry even than for yr loss.
I think however they w'd have been
sadly faded before they c'd have reached

you - The least pretty of the two is not
wasting its sweets (because I have the ben-
efit) in the attic - It consists of Roses & Pansies
Yellow Azaleas & Heliotrope, Lilies of the Valley &
Daisies, May & Forget me not, Butzias & Rock-
Rose, Sweet Clover, & Grass & Mt. Fringe &
the sweets wh. Mary perloined for the
letter wh. I trust reached you safely on
Thurs. A.M. A branch of Passion flower with
7 buds & a bunch of daisies & other scatter-
ing flowers kept ^{complying with} this & the other bunch wh. she
was glad to have go to her P. with the book &
wh. was lighter with deeper colored roses &
Geraniums than this is, & more beautiful. I
think merely for eye gratification they have
often been surpassed by other ~~others~~ of her
bouquets. Tomorrow I shall try to return
to her the Passion flower with the book -
I was sorry not to get ^{one of} the last hundred
copies, but hope her love for the inner
light will cover the outside defects, for
wh. Messrs. Appleton & Co. deserve a "blowing
up." I am sorry you have descended into

I glad of the additions to old
friends elsewhere. But as my glad-
ness or sorrow is poor criticism I will
spare you my dear sister any further
comment, leaving others to express the
thanks I can only feel.

Mother is pretty well again, but the season
being so far advanced, I say nothing to
change her decision to remain at home,
though I think she is a good deal dis-
appointed not to see her children & grand-
children after whom her heart yearns more
than you imagine. Next to seeing them is
hearing directly from them & of them. Why
does not Maggie write & tell us ^{of the family} that her
Grandmother shall have one desire of her
heart gratified by a visit from her.
Mother has come up in the midst of her
wrenching, & repeat in substance what
I have just said & I again say that "as
you will not see her there, the best thing you
can do is to come home bringing some of the
folks with you". Father wd as soon think
of going to the North Pole as of applying for
the Clerkship - I only hope he will not
give up the office altogether. Mr Holland has
sent in his resignation & talks of moving to
Dorchester or Quincy, having taken the charge
of a society in Reponset. for one year. His wife
rather prefers to remain where she is for the
present. As the beetle bugs will not

let me stay in a room with open window & it is rather oppressive in a room with

closed ones, I
will spare you
further reflections
only wish you my
beloved all manner
of success & a
long good night.
Love from Mother to
you & all - little from
Aunt Sarah - As you
from Mrs Dr
Twittele who
called yesterday
both her father
a pleasant gen-
tleman whose re-
minder truly
looks a man
of Mr Porter
& who was de-
lighted with
his work &
the house
generally in
side & out.
Mr Horn does
not give his estimate
in a day or two, I
will call upon
Mr Hodgdon.
Truly yr
Sarah